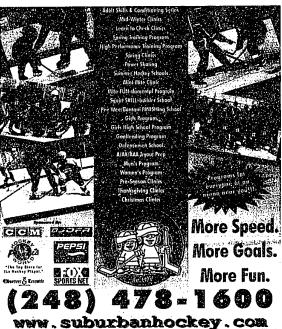


### **Gold medalists**

Three Farmington Hills Herry High School students are members of the Team Elan Junior synchronized skating team that won the gold medal in February at the Spring Cup International competition in Milan, Italy. The skaters are left to right) senior Andrea Roman, freshman Meredith Golt and senior Hicole Hicks. Team Elan competed next in the U.S. national championships and earned a spot on Team USA for the world championships last month in Kungsbacka, Sweden. Team Elan, coached by Brooke Sloan of Farmington, placed seventh in the world.





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# Vondracek blends talent into success

With a talent-laden lineup, usually one of two things can happen. A team can put it all together and enjoy tremendous success, or egos can rub against one another and self destruction and underachieving is the result.

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At Birmingham Marian this season, Anne Vondracek had by far the most firepower and depth of any prep volleyhall squad in the area.

She molded this melting pot of talent into a solid unit and guided the Mustangs to a stellar season.

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For her effort, she was voted unanimously as the Observer & Eccentric girls volleyball Coach of the Year.

"At the beginning of every season, you never can tell exactly how good you can be, but this team worked extremely hard all season," Youdracek said.

They worked together and they were able to have a very auccessful season. Last year we were very successful, but the girls didn't rely on that. They did whatever they had to be successful this year.

This was an outstanding group of 12 girls. I think they deserved everything they carned.

Vondracek is stepping down after three years on the Marian coaching staff, the past two as head conch, because of a job conflict.

Marian advanced to the Class

Marian advanced to the Class A state quarterfinals for the third straight year, finished sec-

ond in the area in victories only behind Oxford with a 43-8-4 ledger and won the Catholic League championabip. The Mustangs also won the Walled Lake Central and Wayne State tournaments, flushed second at the 56-hooleraß Inwitational and was third at the Temperance-Bedford Tournament. As many as eight players carned some type of post-season recognition, and eight of the 12 players are expected to return for the 2003-04 campaign. It wish them all well, Vondracek said. Whooper takes over next season will get a good

over next season will get a good group of girls.

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#### VOLLEYBALL

FROM PAGE C3 LIZ Daytsson, Rochester: Dayisson was 160-for-189 setting (.846), 180-for-197 serving (.914) with 28 aces and 147-for-170 (.865) on serve

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"She was always one of the most sphilted girls; she really got everyone fired up,"

girls; she really got everyone fired up," Harisig said. Jaria Athins, Southfield: Atkins ied like Blue Jays to a 21-9-5 record and the OAA Division III

Hawks.
"She's a very powerful hitter, and she was more valuable to us on the outside," Harr said. "Once I liqured out that we needed to get her the ball more, we started playing bet-

titte with her all-around play. She led Southfield im multiple categories. We shall be southfield in multiple categories. Brittany von Buhran, W. Bloamfield Pohyar, Josephield coach link Gatther sale. Perhapt the area's most underraited player, Southfield coach link Gatther sale. We shall be souther coach. We not be coach. We note that the sale was the coach sale of the multiple sale with the sale of the sale o

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